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**Quarterly Report to the House Health and Human Resources Committee, the  
Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee, the House  
Finance, Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Finance, Ways and Means  
Committee of the Tennessee General Assembly**

**Regional Mental Health Institute (RMHI) Referrals Subject to Delayed Admissions  
under 2009 Tenn. Pub. Acts, ch. 531 (Omnibus Bill)**

**July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010**

**Number of RMHI Referrals: 3,610**

**Number of RMHI Referrals Subject to Delayed Admissions: 83**

**Number of RMHI Referrals Admitted to RMHIs: 2,751**

**RMHI referrals subject to delayed admissions**

- A. Offer of available suitable accommodations (ASA) at other RMHIs:**
- 35 accepted offer of ASA search at other RMHIs and referred to nearest available RMHI
  - 48 declined offer of ASA search at other RMHIs
- B. Offer of placement on waiting list at current RMHI:**
- 48 requested to be placed on waiting list
- C. Disposition of individuals placed on waiting list at current RMHI:**
- Individuals on waiting list less than 1 day: 45
    - 4 admitted to private psychiatric hospital
    - 1 admitted to crisis stabilization unit (CSU)
    - 27 admitted to current RMHI
    - 10 evaluated at current RMHI and not admitted
    - 2 no longer met admission criteria (as advised by referral source)
    - 1 removed from list due to continued non-psychiatric hospitalization
  - Individuals on waiting list between 1 and 2 days: 3
    - 2 admitted to private psychiatric hospital
    - 1 admitted to current RMHI
  - Individuals on waiting list more than 2 days: none